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1. AMBASSADOR WHITE TELEPHONED DAVID TRAGER, US ATTORNEY, EASTERN DISTRICT, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 23 TO CONVEY USUN'S CONCERN THAT FEDERAL PRISONER RABBI MEIR KAHANE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAD DEMONSTRATION AT LEBANESE CONSULATE GENERAL SEPT. 16. SHE ASKED THAT HE RAISE MATTER WITH FEDERAL JUDGE. TRAGER WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND DOUBTED THAT JUDGE WOULD TAKE ACTION. WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH LETTER.

2. USUN URGES DEPARTMENT ASK JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST KAHANE, INCLUDING SANCTIONS FOR SEPT. 16 ACTION WHICH IS CLEARLY OUTSIDE SCOPE OF LIMITED FREEDOM HE WAS GRANTED FOR EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING TO PERSONAL DIETARY AND RELIGIOUS NEEDS. AT THE VERY LEAST TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SEPT. 16 TYPE INCIDENT OR WORSE ARE NEEDED IF WE ARE TO AVOID UNANSWERABLE PUBLIC CHARGES IN THE UN THAT PRISON TERM FOR KAHANE IS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS.

3. FURTHER POSSIBLE STEP, SUGGESTED BY TRAGER, WOULD BE
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REQUEST TO NORMAN CARLSON, BUREAU OF PRISONS, TO ARRANGE FOR KOSHER FOOD TO BE SENT IN TO MANHATTAN COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER, HALF-WAY HOUSE WHERE KAHANE IS NOW LIVING. IF THIS WERE DONE, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO RELEASE HIM THREE TIMES DAILY FOR MEALS.

**4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE US OF ACTION TAKEN.
MOYNIHAN**